

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED EAST LOS ANGELES NEW HIGH SCHOOL #1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**  
November 18, 2005 – December 19, 2005

### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed East Los Angeles New High School #1 site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 10 cubic yards (15 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 6.22-acre site is bordered by Utah Street to the north, East 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the south, Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street to the east, and Mission Road to the west in the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles. During the site investigation, metals were detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Arsenic was found in three locations at depths of less than three feet below ground surface. Lead was found in three locations at depths of less than four feet below ground surface. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on November 18, 2005, and ends on December 19, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Shawna Chambers, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by December 19, 2005.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Benjamin Franklin Library, 2200 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Los Angeles; Utah Elementary School, 255 Gabriel Garcia Marquez Street, Los Angeles; and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: [makula@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:makula@dtsc.ca.gov); or Ms. Shawna Chambers, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2845 or email: [SChamber@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:SChamber@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el:  
Sr. Jesús Cruz, Especialista en Participación Pública del DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.*